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- (a) When determining how most effectively to use the money in the Fund, the Administration shall consider the recommendations of the Advisory Committee.
- (b) In carrying out this subtitle, and consistent with the purposes of the Fund, the Administration may contract with:
 - (1) experts in the area of offshore wind energy;
- (2) the Small Business Development Center Network in the University of Maryland; and
- (3) entities experienced in assisting emerging businesses, including minority—owned emerging businesses, in accessing market opportunities.
- (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, Division II of the State Finance and Procurement Article does not apply to a service that the Administration obtains under this section.
- (2) The Administration is subject to Title 12, Subtitle 4 of the State Finance and Procurement Article for services under this section.

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